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Application No.: 09/894,318

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Inventor:

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Title: System and Method for
Providing Tunnel
Connections Between
Entities in a Messaging
System

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Action of February 16, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.